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**AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS**

Please replace the figure number on Figure 1P with the following paragraph without amending the Figure itself:

~~Figure 1P~~Figure 13

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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Amendment to the Specification**

The Examiner has requested that the patent number of the parent application be added to the first paragraph of the specification and this has been so amended. The Examiner has also requested that the Figures be consecutively numbered and Figure 1P has been renumbered to Figure 13 in the Description of the Figures section of the specification. The Figure number associated with former Figure 1P has been amended to be Figure 13 and it is now believed that all Figures are consecutively numbered.

#### **Amendments to the Claims**

The Examiner has requested that claims 38-42, 47-51, 64, 70, 71, 76 and 77 define "a platform" and these claims have been so amended. Claim 64 has been amended to include the elements of former claim 63 which is now canceled in order to obtain antecedent basis to "boom".

#### **Claim remarks with regards to 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 57 and 61 have been canceled rendering the rejections to these claims moot.

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**Claim remarks with regards to 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 59, 60 and 63 have been canceled rendering the rejections to these claims moot.

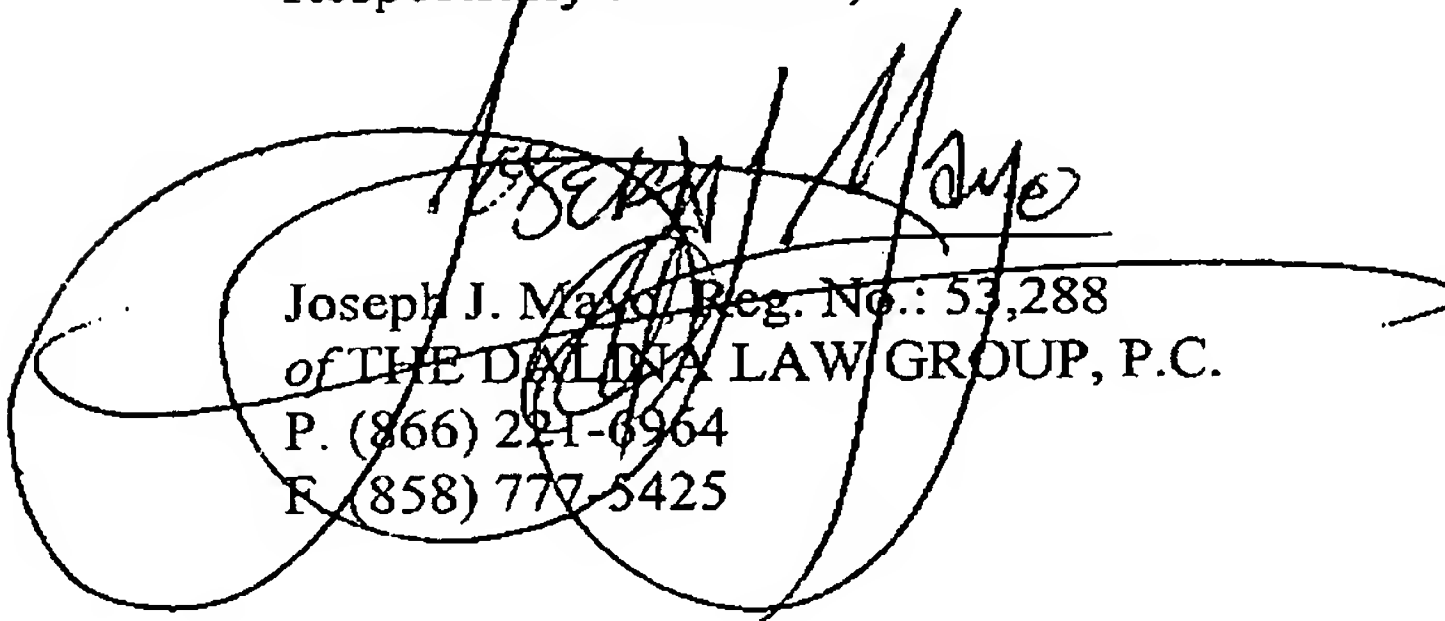
**Claim Objections**

Claims 58, 62, 64 and 65 have been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claims and these claims have been amended to include all elements of the rejected base claim.

**CONCLUSION**

For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the current claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is initiated.

Respectfully submitted,

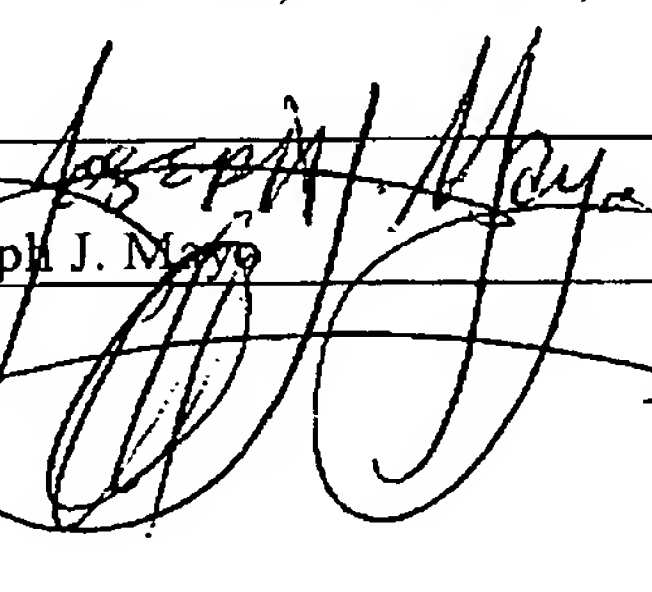


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